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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An email service provider providing service to a user having a first user address associated with the provider's domain, comprising:
a port receiving and transmitting email; and
a server which

selectively creates a dynamic address associated with a separate domain, used only for dynamic addresses, as a sending address associated with email transmitted to a target address from said first user address, said dynamic address being anonymously associated with said first user address, and

selectively forwards email addressed to said dynamic address to said first user address.

2. (Original) The email service provider of claim 1, further comprising a router cooperating with said server to selectively transmit email.

3. (Original) The email service provider of claim 1, wherein said server adds to said dynamic address a tag associated with said target address, and adds said tag to text of email received from a sender address to said dynamic address.

4. (Original) The email service provider of claim 1, wherein said server associates said dynamic address with said target address, and rejects mail to said dynamic address from a sender address which is not said target address.

5. (Original) The email service provider of claim 1, wherein said server forwards email addressed to said dynamic address for only a selected period of time.

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6. (Original) The email service provider of claim 1, wherein said server forwards only a selected amount of email addressed to said dynamic address.

7. (Original) The email service provider of claim 1, wherein said server includes a user name associated with said first user address in said selectively created dynamic address.

8. (Currently Amended) An email service provider providing service to a user having a first user address, comprising:

a port receiving and transmitting email; and

a server which

selectively creates a dynamic address associated with a separate domain, and used only for dynamic addresses, as a sending address associated with email transmitted to a target address from said first user address, said dynamic address including a tag associated with said target address; and

adds said tag to text of received email addressed to said dynamic address.

9. (Original) The email service provider of claim 8, further comprising a router cooperating with said server to selectively transmit email.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling electronic mail to a user email address, comprising:

selectively generating a dynamic address associated with a separate domain, used only for dynamic addresses, as a sending address in place of said user email address when sending mail to a target address from said user email address, said dynamic address being anonymously associated with said user email address;

selectively accepting mail addressed to said dynamic address at said user email address.

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11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said selectively generating a dynamic address as a sending address in place of said user email address when sending mail to a target address from said user email address comprises adding a tag associated with said target address; and further comprising adding said tag to text of mail addressed to said dynamic address.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein:
said selectively generating a dynamic address as a sending address in place of said user email address when sending mail to a target address from said user email address comprises associating said dynamic address with said target address; and
said selectively accepting mail addressed to said dynamic address at said user email address comprises accepting mail to said dynamic address only from said target address.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said selectively accepting mail addressed to said dynamic address at said user email address comprises accepting mail to said dynamic address only for a selected period of time.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said selectively accepting mail addressed to said dynamic address at said user email address comprises accepting only a selected amount of mail to said dynamic address.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said user email address includes a user name, and said selectively generating a dynamic address as a sending address in place of said user email address when sending mail to a target address from said user email address comprises generating a dynamic address which includes said user name.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying unwanted electronic mail to a user email address, comprising:

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selectively generating a dynamic address associated with a separate domain, used only for dynamic addresses, as a sending address in place of said user email address when sending mail to a target address from/said user email address, said dynamic address including a tag associated with said target address; and adding said tag to text of mail addressed to said dynamic address.